

2. (Amended) A method for preparing and installing a baseplate for supporting rotating machinery, according to Claim 1, including the step of:

accelerating the curing of said grouting material by maintaining said baseplate at an elevated temperature for a specified time period.

3. (Amended) A method for preparing and installing a baseplate for supporting rotating machinery, according to Claim 2, further including sequentially the steps of:

- (a) securing said baseplate to a foundation;
- (b) leveling said baseplate;
- (c) placing a form around said baseplate and said foundation; and,
- (d) pouring a grouting material into the void between said baseplate and said foundation.

5. (Amended) A method for preparing and installing a baseplate for supporting rotating machinery, according to Claim 1, including sequentially the step of:

ensuring the curing of said grouting material by curing said grouting material for a specified time period.

6. (Amended) A method for preparing and installing a baseplate for supporting rotating machinery, according to Claim 5, further including sequentially the steps of:

- (a) securing said baseplate to a foundation;
- (b) leveling said baseplate;
- (c) placing a form around said baseplate and said foundation; and,
- (d) pouring a grouting material into the void between said baseplate and said foundation.

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8. (Amended) A method for preparing and installing a baseplate having an open frame configuration for supporting rotating machinery, comprising sequentially the steps of:

- (a) securing a grout retaining means to a baseplate to form a cavity therein;
- (b) preparing and pouring a grouting material into said cavity in said baseplate;

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- (c) curing said grouting material to achieve desired physical properties for said grouting material;
 - (d) removing said grout retaining means from said baseplate;
 - (e) checking the mounting surfaces adapted for supporting a piece of rotating machinery on said baseplate for specified tolerances;
 - (f) placing said baseplate in a fixture to allow machining of said mounting surfaces;
 - (g) machining said mounting surfaces adapted for supporting a piece of rotating machinery on said baseplate to a specified tolerance; and,
 - (h) installing a piece of rotating machinery on said machined mounting surfaces.
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10. ~~10~~ (Amended) A method for preparing and installing a baseplate for supporting rotating machinery, according to Claim ~~15~~ ⁹, further including sequentially the steps of:

- (a) securing said baseplate to a foundation;
 - (b) leveling said baseplate;
 - (c) placing a form around said baseplate and said foundation; and,
 - (d) pouring a grouting material into the void between said baseplate and said foundation.
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13. ~~10~~ (Amended) A method for preparing and installing a baseplate for supporting rotating machinery, according to Claim ~~18~~ ¹², further including sequentially the steps of:

- (a) securing said baseplate to a foundation;
 - (b) leveling said baseplate;
 - (c) placing a form around said baseplate and said foundation; and,
 - (d) pouring a grouting material into the void between said baseplate and said foundation.
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REMARKS

The Office Action of October 2, 2001 has been studied and the basis for the rejections carefully analyzed. The amendments made above were done to overcome the rejections cited by Examiner Peavey and to more clearly define the invention and its embodiments.